

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7037–S7092

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2993–3012, and S. Res. 422–423. **Page S7072**

Measures Reported:

S. 3003, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances. **Pages S7064–65**

Measures Passed:

Women Veterans Appreciation Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 267, designating June 12, 2021, as “Women Veterans Appreciation Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Booker) Amendment No. 3862, to amend the preamble. **Page S7078**

National 4–H Week: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 418, expressing support for the designation of October 3 through October 9, 2021, as “National 4–H Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7079**

Bipartisan Halloween Dog Parade: Senate agreed to S. Res. 422, authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for a bipartisan Halloween dog parade on October 27, 2021. **Page S7079**

State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act: Senate passed S. 3011, to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to allow States and local governments to use coronavirus relief funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act for infrastructure projects, improve the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, provide Tribal governments with more time to use Coronavirus Relief Fund payments. **Pages S7079–82**

Motion to Discharge Nelson Nomination: Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs being tied on the question of re-

porting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs from further consideration of the nomination of Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 417), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Pages S7058–59**

Lin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Page S7062**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of S. 2747, to expand Americans’ access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics. **Page S7062**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7062**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7062**

Parker Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Page S7062**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Tana Lin, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Page S7062**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7062**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7062**

Perez Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Myrna Perez, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. **Page S7062**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Douglas L. Parker, of West Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Page S7062**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S7062**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S7062**

Lhamon Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all post-cloture time expire at 1:45 p.m. **Page S7082**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 416), Christine P. O'Hearn, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey. **Pages S7037–47**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 415), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S7046**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Parisa Salehi, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import Bank.

Brian Michael Tomney, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

John Edward Putnam, of Colorado, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

Benny R. Wagner, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Mari Carmen Aponte, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

Joseph Donnelly, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

Douglas T. Hickey, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

John N. Nkengasong, of Georgia, to be Ambassador at Large, Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

George J. Tsunis, of New York, to be Ambassador to Greece.

Bruce I. Turner, of Colorado, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Maria Rosario Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years.

Shelly C. Lowe, of Arizona, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2026.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S7087–92**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Brian Eddie Nelson, of California, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes, which was sent to the Senate on May 27, 2021, from the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. **Page S7092**

Measures Read the First Time: **Pages S7063–64**

Executive Communications: **Page S7064**

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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S7075–77**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S7077–78**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—417) **Pages S7046–47, S7058–59**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:02 a.m. and adjourned at 7:56 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7082.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Nickolas Guertin, of Virginia, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Alexandra Baker, of New Jersey, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, John Patrick Coffey, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy, and Douglas R. Bush, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTERNATIONAL POLICY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an international policy update, focusing on the Department of the Treasury's sanctions policy review and other issues, after receiving testimony from Adewale O. Adeyemo, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

COAST GUARD OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, Climate Change, and Manufacturing concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Coast Guard, after receiving testimony from Admiral Karl L. Schultz, Commandant, and Master Chief Jason M. Vanderhaden, Master Chief Petty Officer, both of the Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Willie L. Phillips, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Brad John Crabtree, of North Dakota, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy and Carbon Management), who was introduced by Senator Hoeven, and Charles F. Sams III, of Oregon, to be Director of the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Senator Wyden, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine S. 180, to withdraw certain Bureau of Land Management land from mineral development, S. 528, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, S. 607, to discourage speculative oil and gas leasing and to promote enhanced mul-

tiple use management of public land and National Forest System land, S. 1214, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with States to provide for State administration of allotment management plans, S. 1411, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land to Lander County, Nevada, to designate certain wilderness areas in Lander County, Nevada, S. 1459, to provide for the protection of and investment in certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 1493, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 1538, to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon, S. 1583, to reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act, S. 1589, to designate certain land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service in the State of Oregon as wilderness and national recreation areas, to withdraw certain land located in Curry County and Josephine County, Oregon, from all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws, location, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, S. 1631, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the State of Arizona to the Arizona Board of Regents, S. 2130, to modify the disposition of certain outer Continental Shelf revenues and to open Federal financial sharing to heighten opportunities for renewable energy, S. 2433, to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and maintain a cadastre of Federal real property, and S. 2524, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility or certain programs, after receiving testimony from Senators Whitehouse and Padilla; Steve Feldgus, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Lands and Mineral Management; and Christopher B. French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators

Sinema and Kelly, testified and answered question in his own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 965, to establish a comprehensive United States Government initiative to build the capacity of young leaders and entrepreneurs in Africa, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1104, to measure the progress of post-disaster recovery and efforts to address corruption, governance, rule of law, and media freedoms in Haiti, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2129, to promote freedom of information and counter censorship and surveillance in North Korea, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1657, to impose sanctions with respect to the People's Republic of China in relation to activities in the South China Sea and the East China Sea, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 345, expressing the sense of the Senate on the political situation in Belarus, with amendments;

S. Res. 380, reiterating United States support for the people of the Republic of South Sudan in their quest for lasting peace, stability, and democracy after 10 years of independence and calling for a review of United States policy toward South Sudan, with amendments; and independence and calling for a review of United States policy toward South Sudan, with amendments; and

The nominations of David L. Cohen, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Canada, Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Population, Refugees, and Migration), Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco, Julianne Smith, of Michigan, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, C.S. Eliot Kang, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Adam Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Non-proliferation, with the rank of Ambassador, Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, Michael Carpenter, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with

the rank of Ambassador, Troy Damian Fitrell, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, Michael Raynor, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Marc Ostfield, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Claire D. Cronin, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Ireland, Sharon L. Cromer, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Mark Gitenstein, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Kent Doyle Logsdon, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova, Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Cindy Hensley McCain, of Arizona, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, Jeffry Lane Flake, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ghana, Caryn R. McClelland, of California, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Claire A. Pierangelo, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros, C.B. Sullenberger III, of Texas, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Cynthia Ann Telles, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Tom Udall, of New Mexico, to be Ambassador to New Zealand, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa, Howard A. Van Vranken, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Botswana, David John Young, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi, Thomas R. Nides, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, Steven C. Bondy, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Jeffrey M. Hovenier, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, and Michael J. Murphy, of New York, to be Ambassador

to Bosnia and Herzegovina, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

PATENT OWNERSHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine pride in patent ownership, focusing on the value of knowing who owns a patent, after receiving testimony from Allon Stabinsky, Intel Corporation, Santa Clara, California; Abigail A. Rives, Engine, Washington, D.C.; Robin Feldman, University of California Has-

tings Law Center for Innovation, Palo Alto; and David J. Kappos, Cravath, Swaine and Moore LLP, former Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 5607–5634; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 723–726 were introduced. **Pages H5672–73**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5674–75**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 654, to provide the Administrator of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program the authority to waive the Federal fund limitation for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–146);

H.R. 4028, to require the Secretary of Commerce to report on and develop a whole-of-Government strategy with respect to the economic competitiveness of the information and communication technology supply chain, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–147);

H.R. 3919, to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission does not approve radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–148);

H.R. 2379, to amend the 21st Century Cures Act to reauthorize and expand a grant program for State response to the opioid use disorders crisis, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–149);

H.R. 4032, to provide outreach and technical assistance to small providers regarding the benefits of Open RAN networks, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–150);

H.R. 4369, to amend the 21st Century Cures Act to provide for designation of institutions of higher education that provide research, data, and leadership on continuous manufacturing as National Centers of Excellence in Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 117–151); and

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Resolution recom-

mending that the House of Representatives find Stephen K. Bannon in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (H. Rept. 117–152).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Evans to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5643**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H5645**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:26 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H5661**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, July 26th.

Free Veterans from Fees Act: H.R. 1029, to waive the application fee for any special use permit for veterans' special events at war memorials on land administered by the National Park Service in the District of Columbia and its environs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeand-nay vote of 421 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 316. **Pages H5661–62**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the over 700,000 Americans who have passed away from the COVID–19 virus. **Page H5662**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, September 29th.

Darren Drake Act: H.R. 4089, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and disseminate best practices for rental companies and dealers to report suspicious behavior to law enforcement agencies at the point of sale of a covered

rental vehicle to prevent and mitigate acts of terrorism using motor vehicles, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 379 yeas to 51 nays, Roll No. 317.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

National Centers of Excellence in Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Act of 2021: H.R. 4369, amended, to amend the 21st Century Cures Act to provide for designation of institutions of higher education that provide research, data, and leadership on continuous manufacturing as National Centers of Excellence in Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 368 yeas to 56 nays, Roll No. 318; Pages H5645–47, H5662–63

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the 21st Century Cures Act to provide for designation of institutions of higher education that provide research, data, and leadership on advanced and continuous pharmaceutical manufacturing as National Centers of Excellence in Advanced and Continuous Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, and for other purposes.”.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

State Opioid Response Grant Authorization Act of 2021: H.R. 2379, amended, to amend the 21st Century Cures Act to reauthorize and expand a grant program for State response to the opioid use disorders crisis; Pages H5647–50

Drug-Free Communities Pandemic Relief Act: H.R. 654, amended, to provide the Administrator of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program the authority to waive the Federal fund limitation for the Drug-Free Communities Support Program;

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Strengthening America's Strategic National Stockpile Act of 2021: H.R. 3635, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the Strategic National Stockpile; Pages H5651–54

Secure Equipment Act of 2021: H.R. 3919, amended, to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission does not approve radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk;

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Open RAN Outreach Act: H.R. 4032, amended, to provide outreach and technical assistance to small providers regarding the benefits of Open RAN networks;

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Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council Act: H.R. 4067, amended, to direct the Federal Communications Commission

to establish a council to make recommendations on ways to increase the security, reliability, and interoperability of communications networks; and

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Information and Communication Technology Strategy Act: H.R. 4028, amended, to require the Secretary of Commerce to report on and develop a whole-of-Government strategy with respect to the economic competitiveness of the information and communication technology supply chain.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H5645.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5661, H5662, and H5663.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol: Full Committee held a business meeting on a Report Recommending that the House of Representatives Cite Stephen K. Bannon for Criminal Contempt of Congress. The Report Recommending that the House of Representatives Cite Stephen K. Bannon for Criminal Contempt of Congress was approved, with amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1137)

H.R. 4981, to amend the Fentanyl Sanctions Act, to modify certain deadlines relating to the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking. Signed on October 19, 2021. (Public Law 117–51)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine protecting companies and communities from private equity abuse, 2 p.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of the District of Columbia, to

be Chief Financial Officer, Mohsin Raza Syed, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, Amitabha Bose, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, and Meera Joshi, of Pennsylvania, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, all of the Department of Transportation, Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Rear Admiral Nancy A. Hann, of Maryland, to be Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps and Director, Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, Department of Commerce, and routine lists in the Coast Guard; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Max Vekich, of Washington, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Christopher A. Coes, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Laurie E. Locascio, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine evaluating the Federal response to the persistence and impacts of PFAS chemicals on our environment, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine health insurance coverage in America, focusing on the current and future role of Federal programs, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Nicholas Burns, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, Rahm Emanuel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Japan, and Jonathan Eric Kaplan, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Peter D. Haas, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Julie Chung, of California, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Brian Wesley Shukan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Elizabeth Anne Noseworthy Fitzsimmons, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Togolese Republic, and David R. Gilmour, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 2 p.m., VTC.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ernest W. DuBester, of Virginia, and Susan Tsui Grundmann, of Virginia, both to be Member, and Kurt Thomas Rumsfeld, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, all of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 10:30 a.m., VTC.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine investing in economic sovereignty, focusing on leveraging Federal financing for new and sustained development in Native communities, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be

United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Mary Katherine Dimke, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Charlotte N. Sweeney, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Jennifer L. Thurston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Hernan D. Vera, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine restoring the Voting Rights Act, focusing on protecting the Native American and Alaska Native vote, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Library of Congress modernization efforts, 3 p.m., SR–301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Guy T. Kiyokawa, of Hawaii, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Enterprise Integration), and James D. Rodriguez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine S. 1342, to establish an interagency committee on the development of green alert systems that would be activated when a veteran goes missing, S. 1779, to amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate copayments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for medicines relating to preventive health services, S. 1937, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to furnish doula services to veterans, S. 1944, to improve Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2283, to improve the Veterans Crisis Line of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2386, to amend the VA MISSION Act of 2018, to expand the peer specialist support program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to all medical centers of the Department, S. 2526, to authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into agreements for the planning, design, and construction of facilities to be operated as shared medical facilities, S. 2533, to improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2624, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, S. 2720, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national clinical pathway for prostate cancer, S. 2787, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2852, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of care in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently, S. 2924, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to transmit certain information to personnel of Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding members of the Armed Forces transitioning from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life, an original bill entitled, "Servicemembers and Veterans Empowerment and Support Act", an original bill to amend title 38, United

States Code, to establish new requirements for State homes for veterans that receive per diem from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an original bill entitled, “Veterans Dental Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act”, an original bill entitled, “Veterans State Eligibility Standardization Act”, and an original bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to reorganize the Chaplain Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 3 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Enhancing Public Health: Legislation to Protect Children and Families”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn and Webex.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “The Strategic Importance of the Pacific Islands”, 10 a.m., Webex.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: The Current State of Integration of People with Disabilities”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn and Zoom.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife, hearing entitled “Colorado River Drought Conditions and Response Measures—Day Two”, 11 a.m., Webex.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on a Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find Stephen K. Bannon in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol and Webex.

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Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Catherine Elizabeth Lhamon, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2747, Freedom to Vote Act.

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